thereafter reducing a gaseous pressure inside said parison, to obtain a blow-molding.

2. (Amended) The blow-molding method according to claim 1, wherein said inorganic fiber-containing, melt-expandable thermoplastic resin comprises a foaming agent.

4. (Amended) The blow-molding method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said inorganic fiber-containing, melt-expandable thermoplastic resin comprises inorganic fibers selected from the group consisting of glass fibers, carbon fibers and metal fibers; and

wherein a fiber content of said inorganic fiber-containing, melt-expandable thermoplastic resin falls between 15 and 70 % by weight, based on a total weight of said resin.

5. (Amended) The blow-molding method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said parison is prepared by melt-kneading a molding material that comprises at least fiber-reinforced thermoplastic resin pellets; and

wherein said fiber-reinforced thermoplastic resin pellets each have an overall length of from 3 to 100 mm;

wherein said fiber-reinforced thermoplastic resin pellets contain from 20 to 90 % by weight of inorganic fibers having a length equal to the overall length of said fiber-reinforced thermoplastic resin pellets; and

wherein said inorganic fibers are aligned parallel to each other in each pellet.

6. (Amended) The blow-molding method as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least a part of said inorganic fiber-containing, melt-expandable thermoplastic resin is modified with an unsaturated carboxylic acid or its derivative, to obtain a modified resin.

7. (Amended) A blow molding of a thermoplastic resin, comprising:

from 15 to 70% by weight of inorganic fibers having a mean fiber length of from 1 to 20 mm;

wherein said blow molding has a porosity of from 10 to 90%.

8. (Amended) The blow molding as claimed in claim 7, wherein the thermoplastic resin is selected from the group consisting of polypropylene resins, polyamide resins, polyester resins and polycarbonate resins.

9. (Amended) A part of an inlet system for internal-combustion engines, comprising:

the blow molding as claimed in claim 7.

10. (Amended) The blow-molding method as claimed in claim 2, wherein said inorganic fiber-containing, melt-expandable thermoplastic resin comprises inorganic fibers selected from the group consisting of glass fibers, carbon fibers and metal fibers; and

wherein a fiber content of said inorganic fiber-containing, melt-expandable thermoplastic resin falls between 15 and 70 % by weight, based on a total weight of said resin.

11. (Amended) The blow-molding method as claimed in claim 2, wherein said parison is prepared by melt-kneading a molding material that comprises at least fiber-reinforced thermoplastic resin pellets; and

wherein said fiber-reinforced thermoplastic resin pellets each have an overall length of from 3 to 100 mm;

wherein said fiber-reinforced thermoplastic resin pellets contain from 20 to 90 % by weight of inorganic fibers having a length equal to the overall length of said fiber-reinforced thermoplastic resin pellets; and

wherein said inorganic fibers are aligned parallel to each other in each pellet.

12. (Amended) The blow-molding method as claimed in claim 2, wherein at least a part of said inorganic fiber-containing, melt-expandable thermoplastic resin is modified with

an unsaturated carboxylic acid or its derivative, to obtain a modified resin.

Please add the following new Claims.

16. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein said blow-molding is single layered.

17. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein said blow-molding is multi-layered.

18. (New) The method according to claim 17, wherein said multilayered blow-molding is obtained from a multilayered parison of which at least an outer layer does not contain inorganic fibers or is not melt-expandable.

19. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein said blow-molding comprises a surface layer formed in contact with an inner surface of a mold and an inner expanded, light-weight porous layer.

20. (New) The method according to claim 17, wherein said blow-molding is two-layered.

21. (New) The method according to claim 20, wherein said two- layered blow-molding has an outer layer having a thickness of from 0.1 to 3 mm and an a fiber-containing thermoplastic resin layer having a thickness of from 0.2 to 20 mm.

22. (New) The method according to claim 6, wherein a content of said unsaturated carboxylic acid or its derivative in said modified resin is 0.01 to 10 % by weight.

23. (New) The method according to claim 12, wherein a content of said unsaturated carboxylic acid or its derivative in said modified resin is 0.01 to 10 % by weight.

24. (New) The method according to claim 22, wherein a content of said modified resin in said inorganic fiber-containing, melt-expandable thermoplastic resin is 0.5 to 20 % by weight.

25. (New) The method according to claim 23, wherein a content of said modified resin in said inorganic fiber-containing, melt-expandable thermoplastic resin is 0.5 to 20 % by weight.

26. (New) The method according to claim 4, wherein said glass fibers are surface treated with a coupling agent and then bundled into bundles of from 100 to 10,000 fibers each.

27. (New) The method according to claim 10, wherein said glass fibers are surface treated with a coupling agent and then bundled into bundles of from 100 to 10,000 fibers each.

BASIS FOR THE AMENDMENT

Claims 3 and 13-15 have been canceled.

The remaining Claims have been amended to better conform to accepted U.S. patent practice.

Claims 16-27 have been added.

New Claim 16 is supported at page 12, last line.

New Claim 17 is supported at page 13, line 2.

New Claim 18 is supported at page 13, 1st paragraph.

New Claim 19 is supported at page 14, 1st paragraph.

New Claim 20 is supported at page 14, line 14.

New Claim 21 is supported at page 14, last paragraph to page 15, 1st paragraph.

New Claims 22 and 23 are supported at page 16, lines 7-6 from the bottom.

New Claims 24 and 25 are supported at page 16, lines 5-4 from the bottom.

New Claims 26 and 27 are supported at page 18, 2nd full paragraph.